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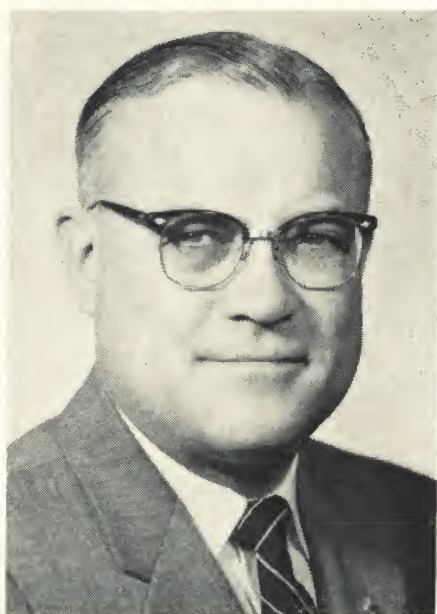
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*Top photo, taken in 1866 shows scaffolding around Salt Lake Tabernacle and very little Temple foundation. One hundred years later, Main Street boasts new and old landmarks.*





*By J. Rulon Morgan  
President of National Society,  
Sons of the Utah Pioneers*

During the Days of '47 Celebration in Salt Lake City in July, the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and the Mormon Battalion were invited to participate in that gala observance of a great historical event. The battalion, under Commander Earl A. Hansen also participated in the traditional Sunrise Service as well as in the parade.

Your president and Mrs. Morgan attended various functions during that week, including the buffet supper at the Pioneer Memorial Museum, the rodeo, the Pioneer Day luncheon at the Hotel Utah, and rode in the mammoth parade as guests of honor. A certificate of appreciation to our organization for this has been presented by the Days of '47 officials. I express thanks and appreciation to Wilbur C. Parkinson and Kate B. Carter, co-presidents; and to Oscar Drake, parade chairman for their wonderful kindness and consideration.

As my term as SUP president is about over, I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the honor and the opportunity that has been afforded me to serve as your president, and to represent you at a great many functions. This experience has been most rewarding and I hope that my services will in at least a small way, compensate for what I have received.

## President Morgan's Message

### *Thanks For Enjoyable Year*

#### *Getting To Know Them*

As Mrs. Morgan and I have visited places and functions the past year as your representatives, we have learned to love many people we had never met before and have been privileged to renew our friendships with many we already knew. To us the Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers are the most *wonderful people* we have ever met — clean, honorable, religious, compassionate and loving. We found that we can read about people but until you meet them face to face and mingle with them, you really do not know them very well.

Your board of directors in a mature, agreeable and imaginative group of men. We have continued existing projects and taken on some new ones and have succeeded in putting them over. Still more projects are being contemplated and some will be completed soon.

#### *Strong Chapters*

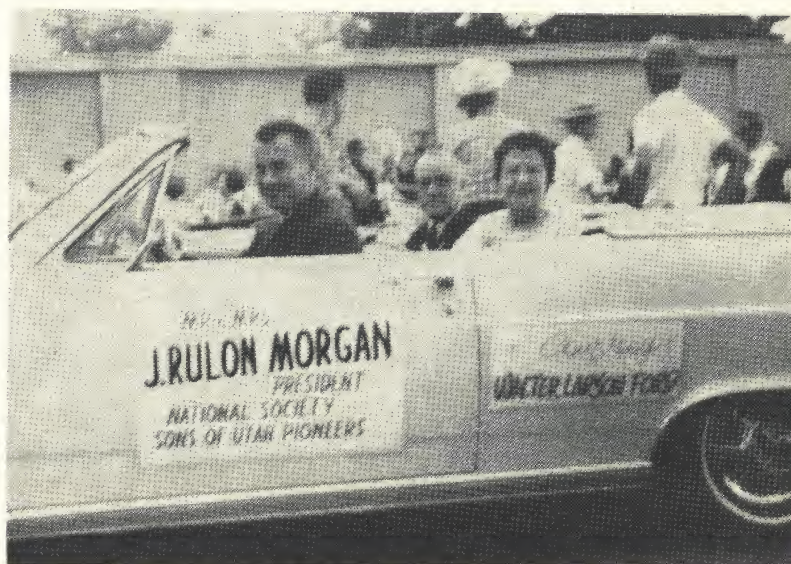
Your chapters are outstanding. We hope you will continue your present programs and launch new ones. There are some tremendous projects in the offing and with a little imagination and hard work, they can be developed for the good of many and the glory of SUP. A good example is that of the Horace Sorensens. What amazing things

they have done with the Pioneer Village Museum and the Railroad Museum at Corinne! Look what the Daughters of the Pioneers have done with their Pioneer Museum, under the inspiring leadership of Kate B. Carter.

#### *This Choice Land*

As Moses led the Israelites out of bondage, so Brigham Young led the Mormons out of bondage to freedom and to a choice spot that had been preserved for them in the "midst of the Rocky Mountains," as Joseph Smith had prophesied. Now, we have, as a result of the devotions of these pioneers, many beautiful cities—lovely places in which to live and rear our families. Let us always be grateful for the power of the pioneers to rise to great heights, for the selfless sacrifices they made and for the faith they exercised in moving forward together in the establishment of this wonderful community.

I acknowledge a debt of great gratitude to the board of directors, who have served so faithfully and enthusiastically the past year. I shall remain eternally grateful for the honor and privilege of serving as your president and I shall always cherish the memories of this most enjoyable and inspiring experience. Mrs. Morgan and our entire family extend our love to all of you.



*Pres. J. Rulon and Lady Morgan were given a choice position in the mammoth Pioneer Day Parade in Salt Lake.*



# THE Pioneer



## OVER THE FRONTIER TRAIL

### *The Unsung Pioneer*

AT the near close of this one hundred nineteenth year after the coming to these valleys of our revered grandfathers, grandmothers, and great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers, it is opportune to close the observance of this memorable and historic event with a few words of humble tribute and gratitude to those of the rear wagons, the faithful followers of strong leaders.

Not enough has been said in praise of the humblest and the lowliest of the pioneers, those great souls, majestic in the simplicity of their faith and in their devotions to the cause for which they gave all that they possessed, even their own lives in many instances. By name most of these will never be honored on the pages of history but they will be lovingly revered around the firesides of their children and their children's children, generation after generation.

The story of their faith and their mighty works, the righteousness of their lives, and their whole-hearted loyalty to their leaders, must endure always in the preciousness of memory. The story of their devotions and their sacrifices must be sought out by their sons and their daughters and placed in the family Book of Remembrance. They are priceless.

These are they who trod after those mighty leaders, some in the same companies with the high brethren and some in companies that came later, even years later, and still others with their amazing handcarts — trinkling in by the thousands until they formed a great and beautiful city in the midst of the wilderness. Truly, they fruited the whole Mountain West and made it blossom as a rose, as their prophet had foretold.

In our devotions to those humble followers among the pioneers, let us not detract one word of praise or gratitude, honor or reverence from their leaders. They were mighty men in brain and brawn, in

heart and in spirit, in valor and love of truth. They were dearly beloved by their faithful followers to whom they were affectionately, "Brother Brigham, Heber, Willard, Orson, Erastus, Lorenzo, Jedediah."

These are names that will shine lustroously on the pages of history which records the accomplishments of creators of epochs, and we yield to no one in our gratitude to them. But let us not forget the meek and the humble ones, their names unknown, unremembered, and unhonored on the pages of history, whose devotions, obedience and love of a great cause, made their leaders magnificent in the conquest of the wilderness and superb in the saving of souls.

### *Age of Destruction*

Antithesis of the pioneer spirit of constructing and conserving is the present yen for destruction and devastation. Millions of dollars worth of property is being destroyed almost weekly in raids and riots in large American cities and nobody seems to know what these hoodlums are trying to prove.

One thing is clearly discernible, however, and that is a steady increase in lawlessness and defiance of authority which threatens to bring about nation-wide chaos.

What can we expect when whole communities, even churches, encourage the delinquent tendencies of adolescents to enhance their revenues? One church in Weston, Conn. in a recent fund-raising carnival included, in addition to the usual pony rides, prize-winning booths and bingo games, a venerable automobile and two sledgehammers.

For 25¢ a patron could take three whacks at the car with the sledgehammer. The project proved a huge success, especially among the teen-agers. Although the car was driven to the carnival, they had to call a garbage truck to haul away the pieces.

### *Why An Encampment?*

WHY would it not be ample and sufficient if our chapters merely met once a month with their companions, enjoyed a sumptuous repast, listened to fine music and an inspiring address, then just sat it out until the next similar function? It may be news to some of you members but not to your general officers, that there are a goodly number of SUP members who believe that a dinner club completely fulfills the obligations of a chapter.

There are scores of dinner clubs that can provide this service to their members but that is not the full purpose of our organization. We have an idealism — a lofty idealism — which requires more than the mere "meet and eat" motive. True, the spirit of fraternity among our members must be cultivated and the social side of SUP is most important, but it isn't everything.

Essentially, we are organized to perpetuate the ideals and traditions of the pioneers who, as God-fearing and true Americans, set up the highest possible standard of human behavior. We need to know more of their noble deeds and their methods and procedures. We are dedicated to honor them by gathering and recording their stories and honoring them with plaques, markers and monuments.

That we might do these things in loyalty and unity and with uniform plans and programs, we call our officers and members together once a year in an encampment (or convention) to outline and prosecute these programs. It is essential that the chapters understand the objectives as set forth by the officers, and the counsel of these leaders is vital to the success of these projects.

The annual encampment is the ne plus ultra in the administration of the affairs of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.



## Last Call For The Brigham City Encampment

# SUP To Share Rare Hospitality and Heritage

*By Francis Christensen  
(Chairman Brigham City  
Encampment Committee)*

Box Elder County and Brigham City have prepared enthusiastically and well for the 1966 Encampment of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and hope to present the most interesting and instructive conclave of our organization when chapter and officers gather here on September 16 and 17.

This is an ideal community for an encampment of this magnitude. Brigham City is not too big, too busy and too noisy for a convention. Yet, it is no small town. Its facilities are adequate and altogether modern. Brigham City folks are exceptionally friendly and good people to know. It is altogether likely that many new friendships, long-lasting and true, will come from this gathering.

It will be good to partake of the Brigham City pioneer heritage. It is a wonderful story and quite typical of the many community beginnings throughout the Mountain West under the inspired leadership of Brigham Young, the greatest colonizer in American history.

### *A Humble Start*

That little group of families which came to Box Elder in 1851 had no time or inclination to project their thoughts or visions as far into the future as our present time. Their needs were too immediate and too pressing for such idle philandering.

Food to sustain life, shelter to maintain well-being, clothing for a modicum of comfort and respectability, protection from the raids of unfriendly Indians and the whims and "borrowing" habits of friendly ones were their primary and ever-present needs.

So they made a ditch and took water from Box Elder "Crick" and watered as much as time and strength and the frugal implements at hand would permit. They built a fort at what is now the intersection of Second West and Third North streets and the spin-



*The beautiful Box Elder Stake Tabernacle, recently acclaimed by an architects survey as one of the renowned buildings in America, will be headquarters for the Brigham City Encampment.*

dly roots of another Mormon community were planted and began to take succor from the "goodly land" which God had reserved for his people.

### *Activities Extended*

With the coming of new families and activities extended; the "Big Field" lying northwest of the settlement was divided into five acre plots. Although much of the land was gravelly the soil was black and rich and yielded abundantly.

Here under the leadership of President Lorenzo Snow, the largest scale, most successful example of Community Cooperation on record was carried on in the Sev-

enties. The waters of Box Elder Creek were used and reused in the manufacture of commodities turned on the land to irrigate crops.

Reverse circumstances and government persecution finally forced the abandonment of the operation and a division into private operation.

It was during this period that the Box Elder Tabernacle was built which today stands as a symbol of the skills, the loyalty and dedication of the people.

### *Progressive And Steady*

Through the years the development of Brigham City and Box (see ENCAMPMENT, pg. 14)



**Holmes & Lawson's 'Musical Silhouettes'****SUP To Hear Noted Artists***By Francis Christensen*

Art is where you find it, according to the old axiom, and SUP Encampment visitors will find it in Brigham City, Sept. 16, in the Box Elder High School Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The artistry of Drauca Holmes, soprano and Lucille Lawson, pianist, will be the offering of the Encampment Entertainment Committee, and those who know these renowned Utah performers will agree that Harold B. Felt, director of entertainment for the big conclave, couldn't have done any better had he gone on Broadway or to Carnegie Hall for his headliners.

Drauca Holmes made her musical debut in her home town of Ogden. Her career has taken her on concert tours all over the western states. She has produced and directed several stage plays, all of which have been well-received by the musical public. She has also produced several musical comedies which have been performed all over the western states.

The Holmes versatility is an outstanding trait. Her vocal repertoire ranges from rock and roll to grand opera. She is popular particularly as a night club performer. Her radio and television programs have an excellent rating.

Mrs. Holmes recently was selected outstanding young woman of her community for her activity and interest in civic affairs. She was also a finalist in the "Mrs. Utah" competitions. She is currently listed in "Who's Who Among Young Women of the West." Her home is here in Brigham City where she lives with her husband and four children.

Lucille Lawson was born and reared in Newell, Iowa. She majored in piano at the Shirwood Music College of Chicago and studied with Leon Rosenbloom. Not only is she a splendid concert pianist but also a gifted composer. She is much sought after as a piano tutor. She lives in Brigham with her husband and three children.

Drauca and Lucille wrote a musical comedy entitled, "Bagatelle," which premiered last September. This show has played before a total paid attendance of over 15,000 and has won high acclaim from western music critics.

"Holmes & Lawson's Musical Silhouettes" is a show no SUP encampment visitor should miss. It would rate tops on any stage in the land.

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*Drauca Holmes  
versatile entertainer*

**Encampment Dates: Sept. 16 & 17****Brigham Motels Welcome Sons of Utah Pioneers**

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***The Time: Sept. 16-17; The Place: Brigham City*****Agenda For 1966 Sons of Pioneers Encampment***Friday, September 16, 1966***REGISTRATION:***Place:* Stake Tabernacle, 3rd South and Main Street.*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.*Registration Fee:* \$1.00 per person.*Guide Service and Program at the Tabernacle in the Afternoon.**After Registration, members are free to eat and find lodging.***SHOW: "MUSICAL SILHOUETTES."***Place:* Box Elder High School Auditorium, 4th South and 6th West.*Time:* 8:00 p.m.*Price:* \$1.00.*Saturday, September 17, 1966***REGISTRATION:***Place:* Stake Tabernacle, 3rd South and Main Street.*Time:* 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.*Fee:* \$1.00.**BUSINESS MEETINGS:***Place:* Vestry in Stake Tabernacle. (East end.)*Time:* 8:30 a.m., for Executive Board Meeting.  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Meeting for Delegates.**INDIAN SCHOOL VISIT:***For those not attending the Business Meeting a visit to the Intermountain School is arranged from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Transportation to and from the school will be provided for those who need it.***BRIGHAM CITY TOUR:***Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Buses will leave from the east side of the Stake Tabernacle and the tour will end at the Rees Pioneer Park in time for lunch.*Fee:* \$1.50. This fee will cover the entire cost of the Brigham City Tour and also the bus tour to the Bear River Bird Refuge and the Corinne Railroad Museum.**BOX LUNCH: - BUS TOUR:***Time:* 12:30 p.m.*Place:* Bowery at Rees Pioneer Park, 8th West at 1:30 p.m.*Cost:* \$1.50.*The bus tour will leave from the Bowery in the Park at 1:30 p.m.**Bear River Bird Refuge:* From 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
*Corinne Railroad Museum:* From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.*Return to Brigham City by 5:00 p.m.**6:30 p.m. SUP Mormon Battalion flag ceremony.***DINNER AND PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM:***Place:* Box Elder High School Cafeteria*Time:* 7:00 p.m.*Cost:* \$3.00 per plate.**PROGRAM:***Place:* Box Elder High School Auditorium.*Time:* Immediately after the dinner.**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS—  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th****RESERVATION FORM***(Fill out and send in promptly)*SUP Brigham City Encampment  
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*Harold B. Felt*... entertainment  
chairman**Visit To Corrinne  
R. R. Museum  
Headline Event**

An attraction unlike anything else in the world will be the cynosure of the Brigham City Encampment of the SUP, Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. when visitors will take buses or drive their own cars out to the Corinne Railroad Museum, which is a memorial to the driving of the Golden Spike. Everything known to early railroading is on exhibit.

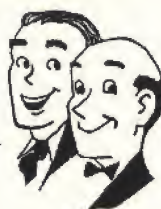
Horace Sorensen has created this amazing museum, fast gaining national renown. It is not only a lasting memorial to pioneer railroading but to the Sorensen family.

Buses will leave following the picnic lunch at Rees Pioneer Park.





## **SUP** **PROFILES**



### **Louis Salisbury Leatham**

The life of Louis Salisbury Leatham is the story of most Americans . . . the dream of beginning with little and, as a result of individual initiative, ending with the pride of accomplishment; not all of which is measured in the things of this world.



From summer work as cash boy at a local Salt Lake City mercantile institution; clerk-secretary at the Salt Lake Stock and Mining Exchange and bank messenger Louis has risen to the position of executive vice

**Mr. Leatham** president, chief executive officer and director of Beehive State Bank and is listed in the current issues of Marquis' "World Who's Who in Commerce and Industry;" "The International Yearbook" and the "Statesman Who's Who," published by Burke's Peerage Limited in London; the "Dictionary of International Biography," published in London; "Leading Men in the United States of America;" and "Who's Who in the West;" also the "National Social Directory, 1963; and Andrew Jenson's " Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia."

Here is a man, who as a boy, sold newspapers and swept out classrooms after school; who learned early in life the value of hard work by laboring summers on his Uncle Joseph H. Salisbury's farm in Cache Valley, and later held down a job with Denver &

Rio Grande Western Railroad.

Louis S. Leatham's life has been a colorful and eventful one. In 1927-29 he served his Church as a missionary in Scotland and England. He was president of the Aberdeen Branch in Scotland and clerk of Sheffield District, England. He held the position of cashier and office manager of a savings and loan company chain, operating in the western states, following his mission, and, in the 1933 depression, helped in the liquidation of three building and loan companies and 23 banks while working for the Utah State Banking Department.

Like most Americans, Louis Leatham's life was changed by Pearl Harbor. He was called from the Officers' Reserve Corps into active military service in World War II. He served as an officer in the United States Army during that conflict, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was with General Patton's Third Army at one time, and participated in three of the European battles.

Returning to Europe with his family in 1947, Colonel Leatham was appointed chief of financial institutions branch, United States Military Government for the State of Hesse, Germany. This position entailed the supervision of some one thousand German banks and financial institutions, 1,500 insurance companies and the large stock exchange in Frankfurt A.M. He also assisted with the plans for German currency reform in 1948.

When the financial structure of the American Occupied Zone was turned back to the German government, he took up duties as a

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### **LaGrande Ernest Asay**

It is altogether fitting and proper to open the attar of roses and sprinkle its essence over a particularly typical member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers--LaGrande Ernest Asay. He is a bulwark and a source of great inspiration to the members of the Temple Quarry Chapter, a fellow to whom this strong chapter is indebted for much of its success.



**LaGrande Asay**

LaGrande was born Nov. 1, 1915, the eldest son of Ernest W. and Fern Adams Asay at Kanab, Utah. The family moved to a farm in Leslie, Ida. He also attended school at West Jordan and Morgan and then high school in Kanab, where he was an honor student and star on the basketball team. He also attended Henager Business College in Salt Lake.

By profession, LaGrande is a locomotive engineer with Kennecott Copper with which he has been employed since 1937. He is also a mechanic of extraordinary ability. His friends, neighbors and children say of him, "He can do anything and fix anything."

LaGrande married his high school days sweetheart, Lucile Judd in Kanab which marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. Lucile is the great granddaughter of Zadok Knapp Judd, youngest member of Co. E of the original Mormon Battalion. Her brother, Derrel W. Judd, wrote his master's thesis on the life of Zadok Judd. LaGrande and Lucile have four sons and three daughters.

LaGrande's heritage as a member of the SUP comes down through Windsor Asay, who was assigned by Brigham Young to build a fort at Pipe Springs, Ariz. which became known as "Windsor Castle." His picture adorns the walls of this national monument.

The Judds have a most delightful hobby which is square dancing. LaGrande is president of the Salt Lake Promenaders, only chartered

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# Our Readers Write

## Tribute To A Beloved Battalion Member

The Commanding Officer of us all has seen fit to call from our ranks Sergeant Charles David McAlister — a devoted, beloved member of our Mormon Battalion and a kindly, gentle Christian gentleman.

A bright star in the ranks was "Mack," as he was affectionately called by us all. He was a flag-bearer and he loved it, the flag, as well as the responsibility of carrying it. He never missed an opportunity to carry Old Glory or the Utah State Flag. This was one of the joys he got of the many treks he took with the battalion.

Mack was also a fine artist. At the age of 80 he still painted masterpieces in oil. He took camera pictures in color that were gems of photographic art.

Deeply spiritual, Mack filled one of the first missions in his Church to the Holy Land and also in Scotland. He was a good, hard-working missionary. Likewise, he served faithfully as secretary of his High Priest quorum.

It was his desire that the battalion, in uniform, attend his funeral, which was indicative of his love for this organization and his comrades.

We shall all miss Charles David but we take some consolation in the fact that the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and the Mormon Battalion are better and greater today because this good man lived and worked among us.

—Harold and Martha Jenson

## Remember Those Fine SUP Barber Shop Quartets?

You are an old-timer in the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, if you can remember when Bp. George C. Lloyd had barber shop quartets going in almost every chapter to provide a bit of home-grown inspiration and entertainment at chapter meetings and dinner parties. It could be an incentive for improved attendance and an effective vehicle for recruiting new members, especially if the prospect happened to be a good tenor or basso. Their activity need not in-

terfere with the present policy of most chapters to bring in outstanding singers and instrumentalists for these programs. One or two numbers each meeting from a quartet would be fine, aside from the "imported" talent.

Why not a quartet festival as an added attraction to our annual encampments? Would not all the chapters want to go after a trophy like that?

A. B. Madsen  
Salt Lake

## Delays In Answering Mail Hurts Business

Approximately half the business transacted by the Sons of the Utah Pioneers is done by mail. This, of course, is due to the fact that members and chapters are scattered all over the country and business meetings are not always convenient and are most expensive.

It is imperative therefore, that members and chapter officers answer the mail promptly. Delays slow down business and lack of responses leave the issues, proposals or propositions unresolved. Recently a letter to members requesting information on reservations for a certain important function required a repeat inquiry and in some cases phone calls.

This office, which must get things done promptly and thoroughly, would greatly appreciate it if all members and chapter officers made it a MUST to get the mail answered. We would have a much more efficient business administration if we would all do this. SUP letters at 5c per, is still a bargain. Let us take advantage of it.

T. Mack Woolley  
Executive Secretary of  
the SUP

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## *They Laughed When He Stood Up To Swing—and Missed*

# Driving Of Golden Spike Was Hilarious Occasion

*By Alex Toponce*

*(Compiled from his personal records by James H. Miller)*

In April and May 1869, Corinne and Blue Creek were pretty lively places. At the latter place, was a big construction camp known as "Dead Fall" and spoken of by some as "Hell's Half Acre."

It seemed for awhile as if all the "toughs" in the West had gathered there. Every form of vice was in evidence. Drunkenness and gambling were the mildest things that they did. It was not uncommon for two or three men to be shot or knifed in one night.

Back at Corinne, the "Burgon the Bear," it was every bit as bad. I saw there a tent, 150 feet long and 50 feet wide, crowded with gambling tables around which hundreds of men swarmed day and night betting their money on every imaginable kind of game; including Mexican Monte and Chinese Fan Tan. This tent had followed the construction gangs on the Union Pacific nearly all the way from Omaha. I had seen it, or one like it, at Beartonsun, near Evanston, Wyo.

### *A Coming Town*

When the Golden Spike was driven and the construction work stopped, the camp on Blue Creek disappeared and there was no trace of it in a few weeks. However, Corinne survived. The "boomers" picked it as the coming town and it had a fairly stable population. The population was 1,500 to 2,000 for one or two years.

I saw the Golden Spike driven at Promontory, Utah on May 10, 1869. I had a beef contract to furnish meat to the construction camp of Benson and West. West was a good friend of Bishop Chauncey W. West of Ogden. They had a grading contract with the Central Pacific Railroad Company and their camp was at Blue Creek, some 20 miles west of Corinne, Utah.

### *Place Decided*

The Golden Spike could have been driven two weeks earlier than it was, but the two companies had settled on Promontory as the meeting place some days prior to the actual meetings. The Central Pacific had been planning to make the junction at Ogden, as to be in touch with Salt Lake City, and the settlements in Utah, but the Union Pacific planned to lay the iron as far east as Humboldt Wells in Nevada. They had most of the grading completed that far. If the Union Pacific R.R.Co. had crowded their work as hard as the Central Pacific R.R. Co. did in the last two weeks, the Golden Spike would have been driven a good many miles to the West.



*It was a gala occasion when the Golden Spike was driven tying East and West via the first trans-continental railway.*

The Union Pacific R.R. Co. employed white labor. Their's was largely Irish, while the Central Pacific R.R. Co. had Chinese labor. The Irish and the Chinese met on Promontory Hill.

### *Junction Changed*

The Union Pacific sold to the Central Pacific 56 miles of road which brought the real junction back to a point five miles north of Ogden Depot. They then leased that five miles to the Central Pacific making Ogden the junction. On the last day, only 100 feet were laid. Everybody tried to have a hand in the work. I took a shovel from an Irishman and threw a shovel full of dirt on the ties just to tell about it afterwards.

A special train from the West brought Gov. Leland Stanford of California, C. P. Huntington, Crocker, Hopkins, and lots of California wine. Another special train from the East brought Sidney Dillon, General Dodge, T. C. Durost, John R. Duff, S. A. Seymour, a lot of newspaper men, and plenty of the best brands of champagne. Another special train made up at Ogden carried a band from Fort Douglas, the leading men of the Utah Territory, and a small, but efficient supply of Valley Tan.

It was a very hilarious occasion. Everybody had all they wanted to drink all of the time. Some of the participants got "sloppy." These were not all Irish and Chinese by any means.

### *California Spike*

California furnished the Golden Spike. Governor Tuttle of Nevada furnished one

of silver. General Stanford presented one of gold, silver and iron from Arizona, and the last tie was of California coral.

When they came to drive the last spike, Gov. Stanford, President of the Central Pacific, took the sledge and the first time he struck, he missed the spike and hit the rail. What a howl went up! Irish, Chinese, Mexicans and everybody yelled with delight. Everybody slapped everybody else on the back and yelled, "He missed it, Yee!" The engineers blew the whistles and rang their bells. Then Stanford tried it again and tapped the spike. The telegraph operators had fixed their instruments so that the tap was reported in all of the offices, East and West. Next Vice Pres. T. C. Durant of the Union Pacific took up the sledge and he missed the spike the first time.

### *Lots of Souvenirs*

It was a great occasion. Everyone carried off souvenirs and there was enough splinters of the last tie in museums to make a bonfire. When the connection was finally made, the U.P. and the C.P. engineers ran their engines up until their pilots touched. Then the engineers shook hands, had their pictures taken, and each broke a bottle of champagne on the pilot of the other's engine.

The U.P. engine, "Jupiter," was driven by George Lashus. He resided in Ogden the rest of his life.

Both before and after the spike driving ceremony, there were speeches which were cheered heartily.



## Salt Lake's Historic Pioneer Day Parade

# An Elaborate Expression Of Praise And Gratitude

An elaborate but nevertheless sincere tribute to the Mormon pioneers was Salt Lake's historic Pioneer Days Parade, judged by veteran observers as the most colorful and meaningful in the long history of this gala event. Unquestionably, the parade caught the vision of that 2000-mile trek across primitive wilderness lands, 119 years ago, and the faith, devotion and energy that enabled these much-persecuted home seekers to build a beautiful city and a great state "in the midst of the Rocky Mountains."

It was estimated that more than 125,000 onlookers, many of them tourists, lined Main Street and Ninth South to Liberty Park, to view the saga of the Mormon exodus and the subsequent building of a mighty empire. Twenty bands, 75 floats and 156 other parade entries participated.

### *Wards Are Sponsors*

Most of the lavishly-decorated floats were sponsored by the wards of the greater Salt Lake area. Ward members spent almost countless hours building and decorating their entries in a magnificent gesture of love and honor to the pioneers. Float themes had been suggested and hinged on events in Church history, principally 1866.

Typical was Harvard Ward's tribute to Truman O. Angel, temple and tabernacle architect. The Southgate Ward recalled, "The Juvenile Instructor, First Children's Book Published in the Great Salt Lake Valley." Monument



*One of the most attractive and impressive floats in the Pioneers Days Parade depicted Andrew Jensen, early Mormon historian and his famous diary. It was sponsored by the Mountain View Ward.*

—Photo by Fred Larsen

ment Park 12th Ward depicted Utah's first free public school in 1866.

Mountain View Ward turned to the career of Andrew Jensen, pioneer Church historian for its motif, showing the famous diary which proved so valuable in recording Church history. Grant 11th Ward launched the nine sailing vessels that brought 3,335 Saints from Europe in 1866. Holladay 21st Ward presented the story of the earliest settlers who opened their homes to newcomers as they arrived in the valley.

### *Notable Absentees*

Pres. and Mrs. David O. McKay, traditional passengers in the

parade were absent. They were on vacation in California. Also missing for the first time in many years was Mrs. Hilda Erickson, 106. Imperial Ward entered a float in her honor.

Pres. and Mrs. Joseph Fielding Smith filled in for Pres. and Mrs. McKay, riding in 7th place. They wore 10-gallon hats and western attire and waved to thousands along the way.

Awards were made as follows: Historical Division, Rose Park Ward placed first; Monument Park 12th Ward, second; Valley View Seventh Ward, third and Wells Ward, honorable mention.

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## The Mormon Battalion on The March

# Off To Brigham City -- Where The Action is!

By Marvin E. Smith  
(Executive Officer, The Mormon Battalion)

Francis L. Christensen, chairman of the National Encampment of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers at Brigham City, has invited the Mormon Battalion to conduct the traditional Flag Raising Ceremony at 6:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Box Elder High School.

The annual encampment is a major assignment for the Battalion and the "grand old guard" has taken part without interruption for many years. This event is part of the battalion's activities as members of the SUP.

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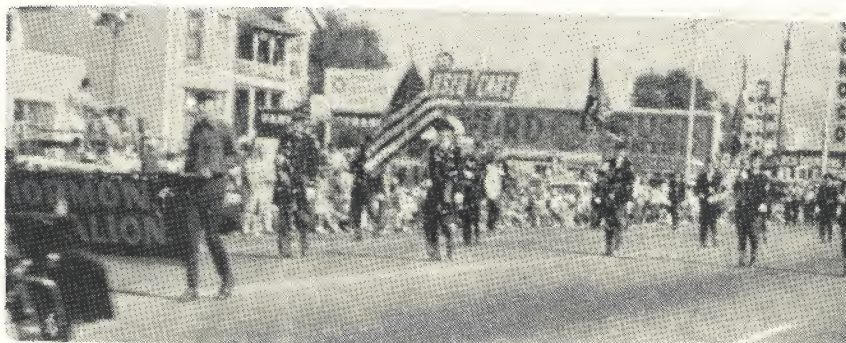
Virgil H. Peterson, Lehi, presented Commanding Officer Earl A. Hansen with a certificate of appreciation for their participation in the big July 25 parade. It was signed by the parade chairman. Virgil is an able member of the Days of '47 Committee as well as an active member of the SUP in Utah County.

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President Rulon J. Morgan and the SUP received a distinct honor this year by being invited to ride in the mammoth parade July 25. This is a "first" and is a tribute to Rulon's fine leadership and public relations ability.

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DUP President, Kate B. Carter, continues to show respect and cooperation with the battalion. Did you notice the choice position at the front of the parade where we marched this year? Speaking of



*The Mormon Battalion was given extraordinary recognition in the Pioneer Days Parade marching well up front among the more than 250 picturesque and colorful entries.*

—Photo by Fred Larsen

the Days of '47, we noticed the following committee members: the S. Richard Keddingtons; Virgil H. Petersons; Sheldon Brewsters; H. Allen Jensen; and Col. Mary Goodman.

\* \* \*

We appreciate Clarence Shingleton taking charge of the band; the parade participation of many younger men; Wayne Goodman's supervision of the battalion equipment; Martie Pond's marching music on the bugle; the strong support of the men from northern Utah; Col. Elias L. Day's command of the flag unit at the sunrise service, and his assistance at the parade.

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Col. Earl A. Hansen, Logan, expressed gratitude to all who joined in the various activities for the Days of '47. At a recent officers meeting, he was supported in his desire to have a trophy case made to house the various awards which have come to the battalion. It will likely be housed at Pioneer Village, in the Museum or the Executive Building.

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Officials of the Detroit Elmwood Cemetery mailed an official receipt to the battalion in appreciation of the \$150 which was necessary to complete payment for the continuing care of Col. Philip St. George Cooke's grave. While returning from the World Fair last year in New York, the SUP

battalion trek visited Detroit to honor the U. S. Army officer who commanded the original battalion march of over 2000 miles. It was discovered that the southern descendants of Cooke were miffed at him because he joined the Union Army in the Civil War, and refused to complete the arrangements for perpetual care.

President Edwin B. Jones of the Detroit Stake hosted our visit and then made the presentation of the check for us to the Elmwood Cemetery. Pres. Jones is vice president of Michigan Bank.

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An honor guard of 12 uniformed men was on hand at the funeral of Charles D. McAlister. The family sent a letter of appreciation for this respect . . . Company D under the command of Capt. Quinton Thomas is having interesting meetings learning more about the history of the original battalion . . . Col. Sheldon R. Brewster, central division officer, is conducting regular sessions at the Senior Citizens Center, 237 South 11th East, in Salt Lake City, on the second Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. They begin with a potluck dinner each time. Last month M. Kenneth and Marie White were hosts to the group on their outdoor patio . . . A special invitation to join the battalion is offered to young men at this time. If not eligible under usual standards, one may apply as an "associate" member.

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## Pioneer Day Sunrise Service

### Elder Richards Pays High Tribute

Most appropriately, Pioneer Day in Salt Lake City began with the singing of "Come, Come Ye Saints" by 470 sons and daughters of the pioneers, in the annual Sunrise Service in Lindsey Gardens at 6:30 a.m. The service was sponsored by the Pioneer Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, and was conducted by Milton E. Smith president.

Elder LeGrand Richards, of the Council of the Twelve Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recounted the sacrifices and the hardships of the Mormon Pioneers which they made in building the Mountain West into a fruitful community. "Because they would not deny their faith, even under threats of death," said Elder Richards, "they were driven out of the free United States into a barren wilderness."

While the pioneers had withdrawn to a place of comparative safety, Elder Richards extolled, "they did not settle back on their new security but sent colonies to settle throughout the West and even sent missionaries back to the very people that had evicted them."

The coming of Johnston's Army to "eliminate the wickedness that exists in Utah," provided the background for one of the most heroic acts every performed by any new colony of people, the speaker noted. The pioneers, he recalled, "prepared to scorch their lands before the invaders, leaving the soldiers in a barren land without supplies." Elder Richards paid tribute to Col. Thomas L. Kane, who directed the conciliation between the pioneers and the United States government.



Wayne Goodman posts the Stars and Stripes at Sunrise Service in Lindsey Gardens, Sunday, July 24, as the Mormon Battalion participated as color guard. Milton Smith, president of the Pioneer Chapter of SUP was in charge.

—Deseret News photo

## Luncheon Club Outing

### 250 Guests At Sorensen Gardens

The Salt Lake SUP Luncheon Club held its annual summer party recently at the Horace Sorensen Sunken Gardens with 250 members and their partners attending.

Special guests were Mrs. Kate B. Carter and former queens of Days of '47 celebrations. Pres. and Mrs. J. Rulon Morgan of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers attended. A musical program was rendered by the Bill Post Singers.

Wilbur Parkinson, president of the "Days of '47," presented neck-chains to the former queens, with a birthstone of each.

Pres. T. LaMont Felt was master of ceremonies. Eldred G. Smith, patriarch to the Church, and Hoyt Brewster gave the prayers.

Louis E. Holley, Salt Lake City commissioner welcomed the guests at the service and the Mormon Battalion conducted the flag ceremony, pledge of allegiance and retreat of the colors. Colleen Bishop, soprano, sang "America the Beautiful" and "Utah, We Love Thee." Prayers were given by Richard K. Winters and Truman F. Clawson.

#### WHAT A LINE!

Although a phone call costs a dime  
There is no limit to the time  
A dame can chit-chat on the horn  
And hold the line most of the morn;  
Likewise, later in the day—  
She has so very much to say.

And so important calls like mine  
I have to place some other time,  
And thus my business goes to pot  
'Cause that's the kind of line I've got!  
—LES GOATES

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# Chapter Eternal

## Albert Albertson

Albert Albertson, 70, active member of the Cedar City Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, and former supervisor of the Dixie National Forest died July 23 in a Cedar City hospital, after a brief illness.

Mr. Albertson joined the Forest Service as a district ranger with headquarters in Loa, Wayne County after returning from two years of Army duty in World War I. In 1927 he was transferred to Salina and in 1938 to Richfield, where he was supervisor of the Fish Lake National Forest. He was transferred to Cedar City in 1942 where he served until his retirement in 1958.

He was winner of the Silver Beaver for excellency in the service of the Boy Scouts. He had served also as bishop of several wards and was a member of the High Council in both Richfield and Cedar City.

Mr. Albertson was also president of the Cedar City Rotary Club and the Escalante Knife & Fork Club and a member of several other civic groups.

He was born Oct. 11, 1895 in Emery, Emery County, a son of Severn and Mary Christensen Albertson. He married Jessie Lou Hall in June, 1920 in the Manti Temple.

Survivors include his widow, a son and two daughters, Preston H., Portland, Maine; Mrs. R. Smoot (Mary) Seaman, Cedar City; Mrs. Lyman (Barbara) Richardson, Tucson, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and several brothers and sisters.

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## Charles D. McAlister

Charles D. McAlister, 80, long-time member of the Mormon Battalion, died of a brain tumor in a Salt Lake rest home on July 15. The battalion honored him with an honor guard at his funeral.

He was born Dec. 28, 1885 to William G. and Isabella Davidson McAlister at Logan, Utah. Married Isabella McAlister in January 1913, in Ogden, later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. She died April 12, 1959.

He filled a British-Turkish mission for the LDS Church.

Mr. McAlister was a graduate of the Utah State University and by profession was an accountant and a business and loan executive. He retired at Hill Field in 1938.

Survivors: daughter, Mrs. Isabelle Shaw, Salt Lake City; 1 grandchild, 3 great-grandchildren; sisters, brother Mrs. Annavar W. Goodfellow Dallas Texas; Mrs. Reta M. Reed, Mesa, Ariz.; Mrs. Helen M. Smith, Logan; William D., San Francisco. Funeral, Tuesday noon, 260 E. South Temple. Burial, Logan City Cemetery.

## ASAY

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square dance club in Utah. He also enjoys traveling with his family.

In the Church, LaGrande has served as a member of several ward welfare committees, particularly in Sandy First Ward, a home teacher in Sandy Sixth Ward and a member of his elders' quorum presidency. He is president of the Asay Family organization.

LaGrande enjoys meeting with the members of his SUP Chapter and has been photographer and reporter for some time under the leadership of Pres. Elmer Jones.

### FOR THIS THEY QUIT

Retired businessmen I know  
Spend all their later lives  
In being messenger, chauffeurs,  
To tired, sickly wives!

## Son Of Founder Joins S.L. Chapter

Lawrence T. Epperson, Jr., son of the founder of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, joined the Salt Lake SUP Luncheon club in July with his mother witnessing the event. Mrs. Epperson thanked the members for their kindnesses shown her and also for the statue of her husband, which is housed at Pioneer Village's SUP offices.

Mr. Epperson is personnel director of Kennecott Copper and a graduate of West Point. He should be a valuable addition to the SUP organization.

### SHAPESPEARIAN STYLE

"How would you say in Shakespearian English, 'Here comes a bowlegged man'?"

"Behold! Aha! What is this I see walking in parenthesis?"

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Isn't it a fact that young fellows these days spend more time learning "The tricks of the trade" than the trade itself?

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## Chapter Of Mission Presidents

### Four Called From Pioneer Group

Four members of the Pioneer Chapter of the SUP have been called by the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to serve as mission presidents. They are part of the group of 25 chosen in June to preside over these missions.

*Verl F. Scott*, business manager of the Improvement Era since 1955 and commander of the 142 Military Intelligence Linguist, Utah National Guard, will preside over the Western States Mission, succeeding Pres. R. Crawford Davis. Pres. Scott, previously has served as president of the Canyon Rim Stake. Mrs. Scott is the former Arline Martindale of Pocatello. They have five daughters and two sons.

*G. I. Cannon* has contributed his musical talents through 12 years as a member of the YMMIA General Board, and has been both ward and stake musical director through 12 years as a member of the YMMIA General Board, and has been both ward and stake musical director. He has also served as bishop of the Parleys Sixth Ward. He is assistant vice-president of Beneficial Life Insurance Co. Mrs. Cannon, the former Isabel Hales, was valedictorian of the 1944 class of the BYU. They have five sons and two daughters. Pres. and Mrs. Cannon will go to the Central British Mission, succeeding Pres. and Mrs. Joy F. Dunyon.

### Millers On Mission

Mr. and Mrs. Howard O. Miller have been called to the South British Mission to assist in temple work at the British Mission under Pres. Leroy J. Backmiller and wife, presidency of the temple there. They had their farewell in Holladay 10th Ward Aug. 28th.

*Pres. Don H. Rasmussen* will preside over the California Mission, succeeding Pres. Phil D. Jensen. He and Mrs. Rasmussen have long been active in ward and stake work, particularly with youth groups.

*Pres. Morris A. Kjar* has been called to preside over the New Zealand South Mission. He is director and merchandise director of Castletons and secretary of Bonneville Leasing, both Salt Lake firms. He is a U.S. Coast Guard veteran of World War II and has been a devoted member of the SUP for a number of years. He has been a guide on Temple Square for 13 years. Mrs. Kjar received her degree in music at the U. of U. and is an arranger and composer of music for children. She has held leadership positions in ward and stake primaries, MIA and Relief Societies.

### Encampment

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Elder County has been progressive and steady, founded primarily on the production of livestock, grain, sugar beets and fruit. The recent establishment of Thiolokol Rocket operation has given our economy a boost.

Box Elder and Brigham City are choice places in which to live—and to visit.

Your encampment committee is hopefully anxious that you and each of you in the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, will spend Friday and Saturday, September 16 and 17 in Brigham City as our guests. You will be glad you did!

First thing a baby does when it is born is cry—and it's no wonder.

Procrastination is the thief of time—and so are all other words that long.

It would seem to be time now to open the highways while they fix the detours.

Marriage is the one institution wherein one person undertakes to provide happiness for two.

#### POLITICIAN

The politician flays away  
And lets the quips fall where they may!

#### QUAKER AXIOM

Thou canst not taketh it with thou because  
thou canst not getteth it here.

### Leatham

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staff officer on the general staff of General Lucius Clay, in Heidelberg, Germany, and played a part in the logistics planning of the now historic Berlin Air-Lift.

Louis has served as a state bank examiner and chief savings and loan examiner for the state of Utah. He was also appointed bank commissioner of Utah by Governor J. Bracken Lee in 1951, and was reappointed with the consent of the Utah State Senate for a four-year term in 1953. He served as president of the Bank of Kearns, 1956-1959, prior to his appointment with the Beehive State Bank.

Mr. Leatham's activity in his Church has been as constant as that in his business life. Reported missing from home at the age of ten, he was found in one of the branches of Salt Lake City's Public Library reading the Book of Mormon. Since his baptism in 1911, he has progressed steadily. He served as a member of the high councils of East Riverside Stake, Riverside Stake (twice), and Kearns Stake, and was later ordained a patriarch by President Joseph Fielding Smith in the Ensign Stake.

He has many accomplishments to his credit. He is a lecturer at the University of Utah School of Banking; an author of note, having written and published three books.

He married Anna Grace Carn in the Salt Lake Temple in 1930. They have three fine children, William Wallace, an Ogden banker; Jon Paul, a dental student; Janet (Mrs. F. Lewis Penman), and eight grandchildren.

Louis was born in Salt Lake City, son of Patriarch William Leatham and Martha Ann Salisbury. His eligibility to membership in the SUP organization stems from his maternal grandfather, Joshua Salisbury, who arrived in Salt Lake City by covered wagon in 1860, from Wales, and after settling in Wellsville, Cache county, became a pioneer dry farmer. Louis' wife's grandparents, Charles and Hannah Steventon Ford, arrived here in 1948. The older Leatham brothers of Lou's father arrived here from Scotland in 1852.

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promontory. The view of the Colorado Canyon and River is wonderful from this point.

This is one of the many photogenic locals of southeastern Utah. The area is now a state park. The name which was applied by early pioneers of the region derived from the fact that a band of wild horses were found dead on the point. They had been corralled and left to famish of thirst by a group of brutal horse drovers.

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*Deseret*, a town in Millard County just south and west of Delta: It received this name by extension from old Fort Deseret which is nearby. Fort Deseret was a simple adobe structure built as a defense in case of Indian attacks and it got its name from the Territory of Deseret. You can still see some of the walls of the old fort.

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*Deseret Provisional State* of: Prior to 1848 the larger region of which part of present Utah is a portion, was known as the Great Basin, North America. After the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, Feb. 2, 1848, ending the Mexican War, Brigham Young organized a potential empire from the Rockies to the Sierra Nevada with margins of states bordering present Utah and Nevada and extending to the Pacific Coast with San Diego as a port.

This Provisional State of Deseret obtained legally from 1848 to 1850 when the mirage vanished. Congress organized Utah Territory and the bill was signed by President Millard Fillmore on Sept. 9, 1850. Thus passed the Territory of Deseret.

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*The word Deseret* is excerpted from the Book of Mormon. It is purported to mean "honeybee" and is represented in the central figure of the Great Seal of the State of Utah. The name Deseret has been downgraded by wide commercial usage.

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## S. L. Luncheon Club Loses Six Members

The Salt Lake Luncheon Club Chapter of the S.U.P. has been particularly hard hit by the Grim Reaper during the past year. Six beloved members, all active and enthusiastic in the group, have been taken. This is one of the heaviest tolls taken from its ranks in any one year.

Those who have died during the past 12 months are: Thomas Caldwell Adams, Walter A. Kerr, R. Vernon Knight, Charles D. McAlister, Peter Lee Nebeker, Dilworth Walker, John R. Winter and Dr. LeGrand Woolley.

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# Isaac Goodwin-- Noted Pioneer

By Norma B. Ricketts

For a dozen years I've been traveling up and down California collecting information on Mormon pioneers in California before 1860. Their story is a fascinating one that has never been told fully and, in most cases, is really buried.

In doing this research, I have read several accounts of Brannan's departure and his return from the Green River meeting with Bridger. The third man in the party (whom Mr. Irvine said history had not recorded) was Isaac R. Goodwin, a faithful Latter-day Saint who sailed around the horn in the ship Brooklyn. Goodwin and Charles Smith traveled to Green River and later returned together.

Goodwin was a highly interesting pioneer. His wife, Laura, died on the Brooklyn and was buried on the Juan Fernandez Island in May, 1846. Isaac and his seven children lived in San Francisco until 1852 when he traveled to San Bernardino, leaving a very prosperous business. He became a successful farmer, married Mary Cox and remained in San Bernardino until 1858 when the Saints were called back to Utah by Brigham Young.

While in San Francisco, he did masonry work and traveled occasionally to Sacramento to do a little gold digging. In Utah, he spent the first year at Santa Clara, near St. George. In 1859 he settled in Lehi where, history records, he introduced alfalfa seed to the community.

In the spring of 1860 Isaac planted the first alfalfa seed Utah soil had known. From this seed only seven plants sprouted and were nourished until they yielded more seed. Each spring the process was repeated until in a few neighbors for one dollar a pound, years Isaac sold a little seed to his which hardly paid for the cleaning of the seed. He served two terms positions of trust. His service to as mayor of Lehi and other civic the church continued throughout his life. In 1872 he went on a mission to his native state, Connecticut. Isaac Goodwin passed away April 25, 1879, in his home in Lehi, Utah.



## Historical Highlights

By Harold H. Jenson  
National Historian, SUP

"Spoken words soon pass on, but writing, well preserved, like monuments of stone, endure forever."

This slogan of your historian, is appropriately repeated as he closes his term in this office this September. It is hoped that some chapters have been helped in the keeping and preservation of their records. Our appreciation goes to all who have participated in this work. It has been enjoyable and helpful, we hope, both to the national office and to the chapters.

It has been our objective to have every chapter compile and record its story. Some have done so; most have not. The Salt Lake Luncheon Club Chapter has taken the lead, written its story and filed a copy with this office and also the Church Historian's Office.

Our personal thanks we extend to Pres. Kate B. Carter and the "Days of '47" Parade, also to Mountain View Third Ward, for the float in that beautiful parade, depicting "Andrew Jenson, Historian & Traveler." This item has the personal touch of course, because Andrew Jenson was this author's father. He came to Utah at the age of 16 and compiled more Church history than any other historian of his time. One of his choice admonitions: "Label all your charts, photos, stories with complete dates and names."

Our salute to James S. Miller of the Brigham City Chapter for the great work he did in helping us with the Brigham City Encampment edition of *The Pioneer*.

We hope the entire SUP organization appreciates the splendid job being done by our executive secretary, T. Mack Woolley, in

collecting news items, stories, photos, etc. about the members and chapters everywhere and passing them on to those most concerned. On the financial end of the advertising in the *Pioneer*, Mack has been a bulwark of strength, encourager, adviser and kind and considerate counselor.

Those beautiful paintings of Presidents of the Church on the walls of the Twenty-fourth Ward Chapel, remind us of the author, the late Moses G. Weaver, who died only a few months ago at the age of 102. Mr. Weaver worked at 43 different occupations until he finally settled down to be a painter. He was a convert to the Church from Farmersville, Pa. He survived three wives.

This historian has interviewed scores of centenarians but none more alert or witty than Richard Felt of Huntsville. We sat by this amazing man at the Weber County Old Folks Day Celebration in Ogden. Our conversation ran something like this:

"What keeps you so young?"

"Breathing. When I stop doing that, I am a goner."

"How do you like the women?"

"I always did, but they never seemed to like me so much. Can't blame them, though."

"They tell me you walk a lot. Aren't you afraid of the traffic?"

"Why should I be? These drivers can see better than I can so I let the traffic look out for me."

"How long have you lived in Huntsville?"

"Too long. See those mountains? They were here before me and will be long after."

"I understand you and Pres. McKay were boyhood friends throughout your early lives."

"That is true, but our paths separated. He wisely went to school; all I ever knew was work!"

## Latuda, Once A Lively Place, Now Ghost Town

Latuda, the once-rowdy, bustling little mining town in Carbon County is no more. It faded into the oblivion of a ghost town on August 4 when electric power was cut from the few remaining homes.

Preceding the town's demise was an announcement by the Liberty Coal Company that increased costs and a shrinking market had forced the termination of the company's 49-year operation. Sixty employees received their formal notice, equipment was dismantled, and power was shut off the mine and the remaining homes.

Latuda was established by Frank Latuda, Frank Cameron and L.B. Weber in 1917 and employed 160 men and mined as much as 300,000 tons of black diamond coal some years. With that kind of output it was natural that an active, energetic little community sprouted up around the mine. Messrs. Cameron and Weber called it Latuda, and thus it became the only American industrial town named after an Italian immigrant.

It is — or, was — located six miles west of Helper in a slightly ascending pine-studded, rock-hewn canyon. Old-timers recall that at one time 5000 people lived along the 10-mile route from Peerless, at the lower end through Rains, at the upper end. More than 1,000 miners were employed at mines at Spring Canyon, Peerless, Maple Creek, Rains, Mutual, Vulcan, Little Standard and Latuda.

Frank Latuda, Jr., operator of the mine and son of the founder spoke the obituary for the little community when he said, "Living in Latuda has been a fine lesson in brotherhood. I suppose we had as many nationalities represented here as the United Nations, and I have never felt a warmer feeling of fellowship, camaraderie as it were, than I have experienced here. All religious faiths were represented and we worked, fished and hunted together. We looked after each other in times of trouble. It is tough to leave this place and seek new homes. We all love this grand old canyon."

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**I**N THIS DAY when so many families are abandoning grace before meals; when the Supreme Court has removed prayer and Bible reading from our public schools; when a spokesman for the National Council of Churches has publicly said that "the loss of the traditional Sunday would not be catastrophic and might be healthy;" when ministers are proclaiming that Jesus Christ is not divine and other theologians announce that "God is dead;" it is time for the people of this country to awake.

*Play your part in encouraging our people to pray more; to examine the religious heritage of our country and to see the benefit of seeking God's blessing.*

Prayer is the only way in which the finite can communicate with the infinite; in which the known can communicate with the unknown; in which the visible may be in touch with the invisible.

You may easily see, if you but examine the history of our Nation, that prayer and communication with God is the very cornerstone of our society.

*If you allow it to be abandoned now, you will be casting away the greatest asset this Nation, or any other nation, has ever known.*

Unless our Country is awakened to its dangerous trend toward materialism and away from the spiritual heritage of our forefathers, then I fear for the future.

*Challenge our people, now, to recall those words of Holy Writ which so aptly describe our country; "Blessed is that people whose God is the Lord."*

## Family Honors Dr. Ed I. Rich

Dr. Edward I. Rich, 98-year old Ogden physician, continues to receive many honors and citations. The Rich Family Organization honored the beloved former country doctor at its recent reunion, presenting a program in his honor for his outstanding leadership in the family and in community life.

Dr. Rich is the only living son of the late Elder Charles C. Rich, member of the Council of the Twelve, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was given a plaque at the family meeting, held on the Utah State University campus.

Recently Dr. Rich was elected to the Weber County Hall of fame.

## Mrs. Meda J. Jensen Joins Utah's Select Centenarian Club

Utah had another centenarian on Aug. 11, 1966 when Mrs. Meda J. Jensen observed her 100th birthday. She was honored with an open house reception at 2200 East 3300 South which was attended by upward of 200 relatives and friends.

Mrs. Jensen was born Aug. 11, 1866 at Brigham City. She remembers following Pres. Brigham Young around when he visited Brigham City to choose a site for the historic Brigham City Tabernacle.

She is the daughter of the third wife of a polygamous Mormon family. She lived in the Mormon united Order in her early youth.

Mrs. Jensen remembers her father growing, processing and weaving hemp into rope. Her early memories also include the use of molasses made from sugar cane to sweeten candy and cakes. She re-

members the children of northern Utah gathering broken glass for mortar for the building of the Logan Temple.

Mrs. Jensen has been a Relief Society visiting teacher for more than 50 years and is a member of the National Chapter, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

She was married to Nels C. Jensen, a Brigham City fruit farmer on Dec. 21, 1892 in the Logan Temple. He died in 1912. She lived in Brigham City until 1948 when she moved to Salt Lake City so she could be with her family.

Mrs. Jensen reared six children, two grandchildren and a niece. She has three other grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. C. F. Sargent, one grandchild, Grover C. Jensen, both of Salt Lake City, and a niece, Mrs. Rosetta M. Hansen, Midvale, survive.



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## Press Is Guardian Of America's Ideals, Traditions

The ideals and traditions of our American way of life, as represented by Lexington, Concord Bridge, Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and those other sacred New England shrines of liberty, are in danger in this frenzied, mercenary, automatized world, said Earl Hawks, publisher and general manager of The Deseret News in an address before the East Mill Creek Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

The American press recognizes that these are hazardous times, and is doing all within its power to perpetuate our founders' ideals and traditions, the speaker continued. "But in the overall work of the newspapers, we are just beginning to conquer our frontiers."

Mr. Hawks, a native of Idaho and descendent of early western pioneers, cited the newspaper campaigns against drunken driving, juvenile delinquency, mob violence, dishonesty in public office, all forms of crime and other unlawful and unethical practices that threaten to wipe out the idealism of Washington, Franklin, Patrick Henry and other early American leaders.

Newspapers must also keep alive the two-party system, Mr. Hawks explained. "A strong opposition party is essential to the proper functioning of our form of government," he urged, "and serves as a medium for the expression of public opinion." He said freedom of the press belongs to the people and not to the newspapers. He termed the modern newspaper, "the unpaid defender of the people."

Upward of 60 SUP members and their wives attended the dinner-lecture arranged by Wilson Seely, member of the EMC Chapter board of directors.

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A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and maple syrup. The good old county fairs. A few exciting harness races.

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*This is America!*

### SHINE, LADY, SHINE

A world-weary young woman came to see her laughing, energetic little grandmother, and complained that ill-fortune seemed always to pursue her.

"My dear," counseled the older woman, "learn to look on the bright side of life."

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*The Wild Tale Of 'Old Bill Johnson'***Bear River Valley Rancher Was Hard Hombre**

*(Compiled from the Alex Toponce  
Record by James H. Miller)*

During the time that we were clearing up the title to the railroad land in Bear River Valley, we had law-suits against 30 or 40 settlers who held the land adverse to the railroad. There was a strong sentiment in Utah that the government grant to the railroads was illegal and it was hard to find a jury that would decide against a settler.

One of those who made the most trouble was William (Bill) Johnson, Garland. He took up a homestead at Point Lookout, a short distance southwest of his ranch. There was a long ridge that ended there extending north from the point. He built a fence across the ridge fencing in nearly five railroad and government sections and he held them against both railroad and government for ten years.

He went armed most of the time and soon had all the other ranchers terrorized. In fact, he had the sheriffs and United States marshal's deputies overawed. He was arrested many times and arresting officers had much trouble with him. He trained his wife to shoot and she more than once, bluffed the officers away.

When we purchased the railroad sections, I notified him to come to Corinne and file his claim on the land. He replied, "I've got a better title to this land than anybody." And he made it stick for a long time.

Finally the United States District Court of Ogden, issued an order for Johnson to appear and show cause, but he did not show. Then the court issued a bench warrant and two U. S. marshals, H. E. Steel and A. McLellan were sent to his home to serve it.

McLellan, the deputy marshal, was one of the best-known and most hated men in the territory. He made hundreds of arrests for polygamy. He was a big, raw boned Scotchman, with tremendous strength. Even his friends feared his awful temper.

Along about 1891, McLellan was shot and killed in a row in the Royal Exchange Saloon at Ogden by Henry Whetstone, another deputy marshal. Whetstone was acquitted on the plea of self-defense. He went blind soon after.

*Barnyard Strategy*

These marshals drove up to the ranch in a buggy. They served the warrant on Johnson and told him he would have to go to Brigham City and give bonds before U. S. Commissioner Booth.

Bill said "All right, I'll saddle a horse." He then put on a saddle on "Old Ben," his favorite riding horse. Then he

said, "I'll put some hay in the mangers so the horses can be chewing while I am gone."

He carried three forksful of hay into the stable for the horses, but the third time he came out of the stable he had a Winchester rifle in his hands instead of the pitchfork.

He had the lawmen covered before they noticed the change so they promptly stuck up their hands. He ordered them off the place and then mounted "Old Ben," and rode up the mountain toward Lookout Point. The marshals drove around to the west side of the point to a sheep camp where they related their experience to two boys in charge of the camp, M. R. and William McFarland.

One of the boys got out his field glass and looked up to the ridge. "There is Old Ben, up there on the ridge. Bill must be hiding in the rocks at the point," he said.

Then McLellan swore a string of oaths and declared that no Mormon "ever lived" that could bluff him. He borrowed a horse from the boys and, revolver in hand rode up the hill.

When Mac was about 200 yards from the top of the hill, a puff of smoke was seen to come from a pile of rocks at the point and a bullet struck the ground under the horse's feet. The horse reared up and wheeled and started down the hill. About every 100 feet, one of the 45 calibre slugs from Bill's Winchester would strike first one side then the other, not too close, but close enough. The horse was still running when it reached the sheepwagon. Mac was wild. He was going to telegraph for troops from Fort Douglas.

But it was dinner time so they all sat down to eat with the sheep herders. Mac would pause between bites and cuss and shake his fist at the horse and that rock barricade on the ridge. After dinner Steele proposed that he go up and have a talk with Bill.

So he took Mart McFarland and walked leisurely up the hill. When about 150 yards from the top he was below the bulge in the hill and out of sight of the pile of rocks. Then Mart went up about half way to the point. Bill came out from behind the rocks and asked, "What's wantin, boy?"

Mart told him "The U.S. marshal wants to know if you will surrender." "Not till hell freezes over," Bill replied. Mart was standing where he could see both Bill and Steele but they could not see each other. He repeated Bill's reply to Steele.

Then Steel yelled up to him: "Ask him what he is going to do."

The boy relayed that up the hill and it seemed to worry Bill. After a minute he called back, "Ask him what he is going to do about it."

When he got that message Steel called, "Ask him if he will be in Judge Toomb's Court tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock."

*Exchange of Greetings*

Mart called that question up to Bill and that time he took several minutes to consider it. Finally he called back, "Tell him yes, I'll be there."

Then Steel said, "Tell him that's all and good day." And Bill yelled back, "And good day to him, too."

They went back down the hill and reported. McLellan wanted to take the ridge by assault but finally consented to go back to Brigham City. Next morning promptly at 9 o'clock Bill Johnson walked in Judge Toombs' court. The court put him under bonds to appear in the District Court and gave him a lecture on resisting officers.

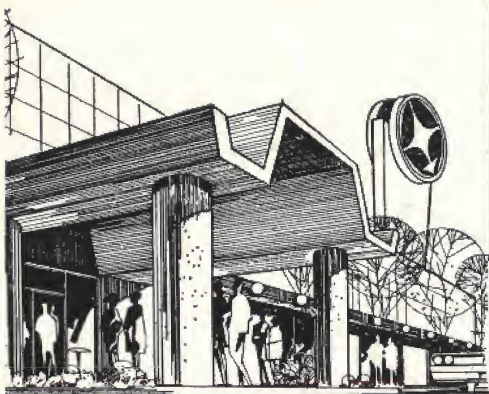
Bill listened to the lecture and then went back home to continue his career and that is a sample of how he got by for the next ten years. He got beat in the District Court and then after six months Judge O. W. Powers gave him a new trial. The case came to trial after a year or two and Bill won. Then we appealed and beat him in the Supreme Court, and so we kept it up.

During the time I was fighting Bill Johnson and other cases like this, I had two stallions poisoned, my wire fences were cut, and one night someone got into my stable and hamstringed a valuable race horse. Then someone drove 500 head of my sheep into a box canyon and cut their throats. All that time Bill Johnson held Lookout Point, and defied the whole world, and it looked as if no one could have him removed or convicted, because every jury they impaneled would bring in a verdict of "No cause for action."

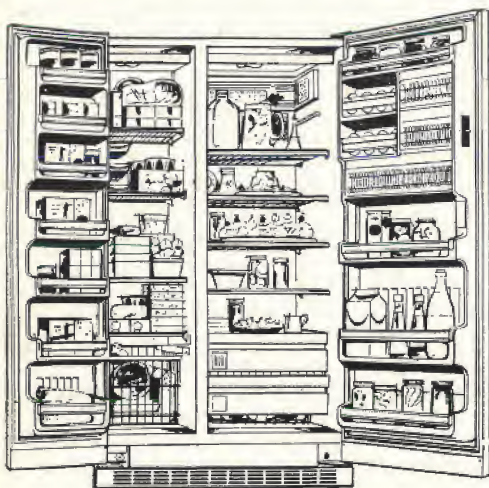
Finally the railroad grant was confirmed by the Supreme Court and Johnson had to give up all railroad land and remove to his homestead about one mile away, where there was a spring upon the side hill and there he built a home and out buildings but this was not the end of trouble with this man.

Years later, it was said of Bill that he had been in court so many times and been sued by so many people, one would think he would lose all of his property, but he got by some way and lived to a good old age. Finally friends took him to a hospital and when they put him between white sheets, the shock was too much. He just up and died.





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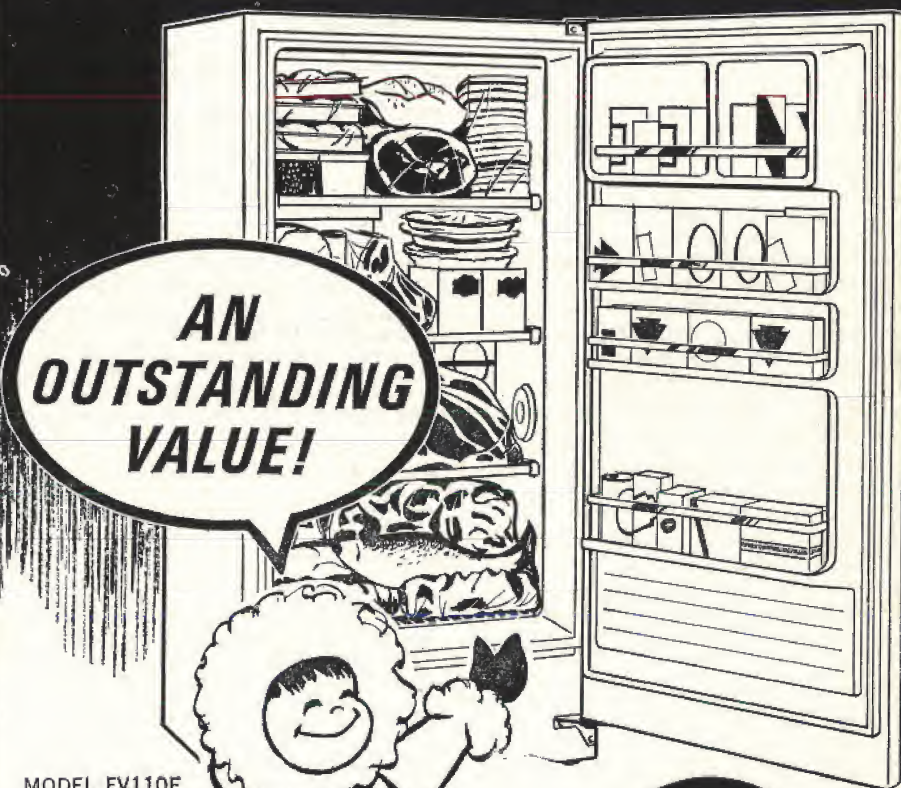
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